

MOVEMENT FOR PERMANENT ROADS

Advantages to be Gained in Both City and County by Making Rock Roads.

Since the meeting of the automobile club, a few nights ago, the question of calling an election to issue \$50,000.00 worth of bonds for rock roads within the Monett Special Road District has been discussed a great deal.

It is a well known fact that our neighboring good road districts have been working on this same plan as is shown by Billings and Marionville each within the past month voted \$40,000.00 for rock roads and Miller is to vote on an issue of \$30,000.00 on March 4.

Freistatt and Verona are each incorporating in order that they may legally vote on a like proposition.

Have you ever stopped to think of what this would mean if all these towns around build hard roads and we remain with our present dirt highways, it will mean that our country trade will go where they can go at any time in the year they want.

The past few weeks should demonstrate the necessity of something being done so we could get over the roads. Wheat was worth \$1.20 per bushel but the farmer could not deliver it; but when they could deliver it the price had dropped to \$1.10. Now think how far that extra ten cents a bushel would go towards paying of bonds or how much more the farmer would have had to spend in our city.

Rock roads will help everybody. It will help the farmer because he can take advantage of the highest market prices for everything he has to sell; it will help the merchant because the people can get to town whenever they want to and the more they come the more they will spend; it will help the property owner in our city because with the great net work of rock roads being built by our neighbors more transients will drive through our city.

Do you know we are practically on the Jefferson Highway that is to be built from New Orleans to Winnipeg, Canada, and with a little effort can get many of the tourists to come through our city?

Let's have an election for \$50,000.00 bonds for rock roads. Let's have a little push, little pride and not live in a mud hole any longer.

In the end it will cost us very little.

GOOD ROADS ADVOCATE.

GREENHILL

Well we sure had some pretty weather last week but it has snowed again and we are afraid this week won't be so pretty.

We notice some of the scribes complained about the mishaps during the slick time. We are glad the slick time is over, for perhaps Sallie and Nix won't have to go so far around out of the way to get down the hill from now on.

Well, concerning the banch road from the Big Chance mines to Purdy to haul their mineral off, S. A. Davis says he will furnish the whistle.

A protracted meeting is going on at Arnhart church. A preacher by the name of Carlisle is running it.

Misses Myrtle and Ola Niskern visited on the creek one day last week.

Mrs. Nicie Davis and daughter Glorine visited at the home of Mrs. Clyde Davis and Mrs. Asberry Davis, Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Nettie Davis is still under the weather.

Well most of the schools around in this settlement are out except Lee and Bethel. Bethel school will be out in March and Lee in April.

Mr. and Mrs. Ike Inman and family of Mt. Grove, visited their daughter and family, Mrs. Ben Henderson, Sunday.

SOUTH MONETT NEWS

Mrs. Clyde Miller is on the sick list.

Miss Bertha Hankins returned to her home at Butterfield, Tuesday, after a visit with her sister, Mrs. Jas. Griffith.

Joe Anderson's condition seems to be improving.

George Vaughan was in Monett, Tuesday.

Orvel Spain remains about the same.

The little things count most.

GREATEST BATTLE OF HIS- TORY RAGING AT VERDUN

Germans Claim Advantages But French Assert that They Have Checked the Enemy

London, Feb. 28.—The tide of battle around Verdun apparently has not turned in favor of either side. While the Germans claim further advance, the French are equally emphatic in their assertion that they checked the attack of the masses of German infantry sent against them.

Fort Douaumont has fallen to the Germans, but it is reported to be in ruins, around this position the most desperate fighting of the battle has been going on since Friday. Here French counter attacks were delivered with such crushing force that some of the German detachment were driven back and one regiment was almost encircled.

To the west of this fort in a hand-to-hand encounter the French have ejected the Germans from a small redoubt which they have captured.

Throughout the entire sector of Verdun, except on the western bank of the Meuse river where the German bombardment has slackened somewhat, the artillery duels are still of vast proportion.

To the southeast the French at Fresnes in the Woevre region have put down two German attacks against that town, but the Germans have inaugurated an important movement in the Champagne district whereby a surprise attack they succeeded in entering French advance positions of a supporting trench over a front of nearly a mile, capturing more than 1,000 men.

Notwithstanding the fresh reserves the French have thrown into the fray at Fort Douaumont, the German war office declares that their efforts have been fruitless and that the Germans have advanced their line toward Bras and Vacherauville. It also is claimed that the Germans have entirely expelled the French from the Meuse peninsula southward from Samogneux and west of Vacherauville.

On the Russian front around Freidrichstadt and Illoujst there has been heavy artillery, machine gun and rifle firing. In Galicia the Russians repulsed an attempt by the Austro-Hungarians to capture trenches on the middle Stripa river.

The Russians are still operating successfully against the Turks who fled from Ererum, and the Ottoman forces in the Persian battle zone. In Mesopotamia a bombardment by the British of a Turkish camp on the left bank of the Tigris river resulted in heavy casualties to the Turks.

MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

At the meeting of the council Monday afternoon bids were opened for a concrete bridge over Kelley creek on Seventh street between Front street and Broadway. Three bids were submitted as follows:

J. G. Bramer, \$460.00; M. E. Gilloiz, \$369.50; A. J. Budworth, \$399.50. The contract was let to M. E. Gilloiz, the lowest bidder.

The bridge is a 20 foot span with a 16 foot driveway.

An ordinance was passed granting to the Sunshine Club the right, power and authority to improve and beautify with flower beds, shrubbery and water fountain a plot of ground at the junction of County and Wishart streets east of Fifth street.

This plot of ground was curbed last year by Messrs. W. H. Fly and John McGrath and when properly improved will be quite an improvement to that part of the city.

ROACH OFFICIALLY

A CANDIDATE Secretary Is First to Pay \$100 Fee and File at Jefferson City.

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 28.—The first official filing of candidacy under the State primary laws of any candidate for Governor in either party was that of Secretary of State Cornelius Roach to-day. He had paid the entrance fee of \$100, as certified by former Gov. A. M. Dockery, treasurer of the Democratic State Committee.

Mr. and Mrs. Gregory and little son were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Sevier, Wednesday. They go from here to Springfield, where they are billed for a performance at the Hippodrome, Thursday afternoon.

GERMANS WILL NOT TORPEDO ANY LINER WITHOUT WARNING

Berlin, Feb. 28.—German submarines will torpedo no passenger liners without warning, even after the new order against armed merchantmen goes into effect at midnight tomorrow, it was reliably said today.

Furthermore, submarine commanders will endanger human lives only in case a steamer attempts to escape, to fire on the submarine or ram her.

In their campaign, it is said, the U-boat commanders will act under these instructions:

They will not torpedo every ship encountered, trusting to prove later that they are armed.

They will not violate instructions previously given to warn passenger liners.

They will not endanger human lives, unless the ships attempt to escape, to ram the attacking submarines or to fire on her.

In short, the differences between the past and the present, as regards passenger liners, is that in the future armed liners will not be considered legitimate peaceful trading ships.

It can be stated definitely that Germany is not courting trouble with America. But if some future accident endangers Americans or causes American losses, Germany will be convinced that the responsibility will not rest with her, inasmuch as she has fully warned Americans publicly, and the American government officially.

President Wilson's letter to Senator Stone, first published here yesterday, has caused a sensation in government circles and in the American colony, German leaders are surprised that President Wilson has coupled the controversy over armed merchantmen with the question of America's national honor.

POSTAL ROBBERS GOT \$200,000

New York, Feb. 28.—It became known here today that a daring attempt to steal a sum estimated at 1 million dollars consigned to New York banks had been made on Saturday morning by burglars who broke into a United States mail van while it was on a ferry in transit from the Jersey Central Railroad.

It was said that four money pouches were stolen and, according to reports from other sources, one of them contained \$200,000. Information as to the exact amounts involved was refused by the postoffice inspectors. One of the pouches came from Washington and is believed to have contained a large amount of currency from the Treasury Department.

LESS PARTICULAR

A lady of Somerset bewailed the loss of a somewhat ill-bred but extremely wealthy neighbor who had been very liberal in his help to her country charities.

"Mr. X. is dead," said she. "He was so good and kind, and helpful to me in all sorts of ways. He was so vulgar, poor dear fellow, we could not know him in London, but we shall meet in heaven."—Tit-Bits.

AID SOCIETY OPEN MEETING

Circle No. 1 of the M. E. Church Aid Society held an open meeting at the home of Mrs. E. M. Baity, Tuesday afternoon. The assistant hostesses were Mrs. Mills, Mrs. Jas. Runkle, Mr. Hicks, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. R. L. Peters and Mrs. Tracey.

There were about fifty-seven present and all spent a most delightful afternoon. A nice program was given and a delicious two-course luncheon was served.

CAMP FIRE GIRLS ENTERTAINED

The Camp Fire Girls were pleasantly entertained Tuesday evening at the home of the Guardian, Mrs. D. Guinney. During the evening four new members were initiated into the club. They were Misses Edna Bray, Lulu Smith, Grace Hughes and Yolande Gillette.

Refreshments of sandwiches and coffee were served.

G. T. Granger, who had been visiting his mother, Mrs. G. T. Granger, returned, Tuesday night to his home at Sapulpa Ok. His wife and daughter will visit relatives at Aurora before going home.

TELLS LANSING U-BOAT DECREE IS UNCHANGED

Count Von Bernstorff Reiterates Assurances Given in Lusitania Case

Washington, Feb. 28.—Germany, in a formal note presented by Count von Bernstorff to Secretary Lansing today, reiterated assurances regarding the future conduct of submarine warfare given in the Lusitania case; declares those assurances have not been modified by memorandum setting forth its intention to treat armed merchantmen of the entente allies as auxiliary cruisers after midnight tomorrow, and attempts to justify the issuance of memorandum by presenting evidence and assertions designed to prove that the British government has instructed merchantmen to use their armament for the purposes of attack, in violation of assurances given to the United States.

Later, it was said at the state department, that while the United States stood unalterably for the right of a merchant ship to carry guns for defensive purposes, it was not now, and never had been, contending that Americans could travel with immunity on ships having orders to act offensively. It was indicated that, although Secretary Lansing was not prepared at this time to accept as conclusive, the allegations of Germany in regard to the confidential instructions claimed to have been given the British sea captains that, if the claims were sustained, the fact would have an important bearing upon the future attitude of this government. It is felt in high official quarters here that the question of motive is the cardinal consideration in determining the difference between defensive and offensive armament.

A copy of the so-called British instructions, which were handed to Ambassador Gerard in Berlin and which are considered by Secretary Lansing to be the all-important element in the situation as it stands at present, have not yet risen. Pending their receipt and a subsequent decision regarding the attitude of the United States, the state department is prepared to consider any overt act committed by the commanders of German and Austrian submarines in the light of the facts. It was authoritatively stated that the department probably would not act upon the case of an American who sustained injuries aboard a vessel which it could be definitely established was to be offensively used.

The state department makes a broad distinction between resistance and offense. It holds that a merchant ship has a right to resist capture, but not to act offensively. Of course, it is admitted a vessel loses all immunity while in the act of resisting.

MRS. MAUD WILKS DIES

Mrs. Maude Wilks, a former resident of Aurora, died at her home in Oronogo at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon from pneumonia.

Mrs. Wilks was 36 years old. She had lived in Oronogo for the last seven years moving to that city with her family from Aurora. The surviving relatives are a husband, William Wilks, one son, one daughter, a mother, two brothers and one sister. The body will be shipped to Aurora, where burial will be made Thursday. —Joplin Globe.

CARD OF THANKS

We want to thank our friends and neighbors for the kindness shown us during the sickness and at the death of our loving baby, and also for the flowers and the help for our sick husband and father.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Taylor, Miss Purley Taylor, Miss Frances Taylor, Troy Taylor.

HENSON FILES FOR OFFICE

Charles L. Henson of Mt. Vernon, Lawrence county, has filed with Secretary of State Roach his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for judge of the circuit court in the Twenty-fourth judicial circuit, comprising the counties of Lawrence, Barry, Newton and McDonald. He is one of the first candidates to file under the state primary laws.

Mr. Henson formerly was prosecuting attorney of Lawrence county.

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OZARK BRIEFS

Calvin Henderson closed a successful term of school at Ozark, Friday, February 25, with a nice dinner and a good program.

Spencer Smith has been on the sick list and so also has Jesse Marshall.

Mrs. Hence Marshall bought eggs one day last week from Mrs. W. A. Smith to set her incubator.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miller and Mr. Brattin Wormington of New Site attended the last day of school at Ozark Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Crowell was called to Lawton, Kansas, by the illness of their daughter, who is said to have appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Long visited Jim Marshall and family, Sunday.

Raymond Medlin visited Spencer Smith, Sunday.

We are sorry to hear of Aunt Lucinda Clemons having pneumonia. We hope for her speedy recovery.

Miss Ada Roller spent Sunday with Miss Effie Smith.

Hiram Roller is grunting around pretty lively this week with a felon on his finger.

We hear that W. A. Smith is going to sell ten acres of his land for a town site.

It was pretty cold for baptizing, Sunday, but there were seven or eight of Arnhart church baptized.

BLUE EYES.

BOWERS MILL MAN INSANE

At an inquiry held in Mt. Vernon Wednesday, John Downey of Bowers Mill was adjudged of unsound mind and was ordered to the asylum at Nevada. For some time the unfortunate man has been creating uneasiness among his neighbors by his peculiar actions. He was charged with disturbing religious worship and committing other breaches of the peace.—Sarcoux Record.

Don't fail to attend Gulick's \$10.00 suit sale now going on—your choice of \$25.00 suits for \$10.00.

NEW GERMAN DRIVE IN EAST?

Petrograd, Feb. 29.—Announcement was made semi-officially today that tremendous activity has been observed over the whole length of the German front in the east. There are various indications that spring will see another great effort by the Germans on the Russian front.

Enormous quantities of incendiary and explosive bombs have been collected by the Germans. Aerodromes are being enlarged and great numbers of aeroplanes forwarded from Germany.

IS GIVEN TWO-YEAR TERM

Butler, Mo., Feb. 24.—Dale Jones was sentenced to two years on a grand larceny charge in the circuit court here early today. Jones was charged with the theft of a motor car. Jones is well known to the police, having escaped from a moving train when his partner shot and killed Constable Sam Queen, who had Jones in custody. Jones was found later and brought here for trial.

UNEQUALED CLUB OFFER

For the next few weeks we will offer to the readers of the Monett Weekly Times the following unparalleled clubbing proposition:

The Monett Weekly Times.....\$1.00
The Springfield Daily and Sunday Leader, 1 year.....\$2.50
The Ozark Countryman, Weekly, 1 year......35
All 3 one year for only.....\$2.60
Total.....\$3.85
The Monett Weekly Times, as your home paper, should come first on the list of newspapers you take.

The Ozark Countryman is the only farm paper strictly in and for the Ozark country. It is edited by F. S. White, for years agricultural commissioner for the Frisco Railroad company.

The Leader is a modern daily paper in every sense of the word. It contains the cream of the world news daily. It is Democratic in politics and clean and positive in its policies. You will make no mistake by taking it for your daily paper.

The three papers at the remarkable price of \$2.60 for a year should be sufficient inducement for every person in this community to take advantage of the offer at once. To get this rate you must leave your order with the Times office here.

Misses Grace Whitlatch and Vera Boynton went to Springfield, Wednesday.

A Times want ad will bring results.

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